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TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: Leon Davidoff, Chairperson
DATE: September 1, 2016
SUBJECT: Public Safety Committee

IN ATTENDANCE: Leon Davidoff, Chris Williams, Ron Van Winkle, Kimberly Boneham, Tracey Gove, Gary Allyn, Dan Coppinger, Bob McCue, Rich Winn

The Public Safety Committee met on Thursday, September 1, 2016, at 8:00am, in Town Hall, Room 312, to discuss the following:

AGENDA

1. Fire update

Chief Allyn reviewed the progress of the paramedic service which had 589 calls in August. The Department has 4 vacancies and is in the process of recruiting additional paramedics which should be complete by year end. The bid for the radio system have been opened and our consultant is reviewing those bids with us. The new Fire Engine will be delivered next week. The Department will need to replace 46 air packs that have reached their useful life. We had applied for a federal grant to replace the air packs but were not successful. A Council appropriation will be necessary to proceed with this replacement.

2. Police update

Chief Gove reviewed recent police activity. The Department presently has 7 vacancies, 4 officers at the academy and 4 officers in field training. There is a need to replace some police vehicles and this was proposed to be part of the FY2016 surplus allocation.

C: Town Council
Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager
Patrick Alair, Corporation Counsel
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk
Department Directors